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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 for entry and consideration by the Office, and for printing on the first page of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 Equivalent.

Also attached is a copy of an European Search Report (ESR) issued 20 September 2004 in a foreign application corresponding to the subject US application, as well as copies of all of the foreign references and other information cited therein. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e), Applicant states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was first cited in the attached ESR not more than three (3) months prior to the filing date of this IDS.

In accordance with the Final Rule under 37 CFR §1.98 effective 21 October 2004, no copies of US patents/published applications are submitted herewith.

Additionally, no separate concise explanation of relevance is submitted for each item of information not in the English language In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(3) because an English language Abstract for the reference also is attached or, as indicated in MPEP §609IIIA(3), the attached English language Search Report cited by a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign Office.

This IDS is timely filed under 37 CFR §1.97(b) prior to the mailing of a first Action on the merits in the subject application, but also includes the statement required under §1.97(c). Applicant submits that all requirements under 37 CFR §§1.97(b)/(c) and 1.98 are complete, and respectfully requests the Examiner to return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 Equivalent to indicate entry and consideration of all of the listed information.

Respectfully submitted,

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